

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Thursday, March 22, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Angerer, Simpson, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Coulouris, Donigan, Hammon, Robert Jones, Valentine, Wojno, Gaffney, Hune, Marleau, Green, Ball, Calley.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Ward.

Representative Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2007 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Jeanette Klemczak, Chief Nurse Executive for the Michigan Department of Community Health, testified on the nursing profession in Michigan. Ms. Klemczak also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The Chair laid HB 4207 before the committee.

HB 4207 Hopgood Occupations; nurses; licensure of graduates from a nursing education program located outside the United States who do not have a certificate from the commission on graduates of foreign nursing schools; provide for.

Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood, sponsor of HB 4207, testified in support of the bill.

Van Ong of the Far Eastern and American Nurses Association of Great Lakes and Remy Solarte of the Phillipine Nurses Association of Michigan testified in support of the bill. Mr. Ong and Ms. Solarte also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Rae Ramsdell of the Michigan Department of Community Health testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Curtis Hertel Jr. of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Amy Barkholz of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. Ms. Barkholz also submitted written testimony.

Tina Grant of Trinity Health.

Meghan Swain of the Michigan Nurses Association.

The following individuals submitted written testimony in support of the bill, but did not wish to

testify:

Sean Gehle and Felicia Wasson of St. John Health and Ascension Health.
Gerald Fitzgerald of Oakwood Healthcare.

Representative Gaffney moved to adopt substitute (H-2) for HB 4207. **The motion prevailed 16-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Angerer, Simpson, Byrum, Corriveau, Coulouris, Donigan, Hammon, Robert Jones, Valentine, Wojno, Gaffney, Hune, Marleau, Green, Ball, Calley
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Simpson moved to report HB 4207 with recommendation as substitute (H-2).
The motion prevailed 17-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Angerer, Simpson, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Coulouris, Donigan, Hammon, Robert Jones, Valentine, Wojno, Gaffney, Hune, Marleau, Green, Ball, Calley
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Byrum moved to excuse the absence of Representative Ward. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Representative Kathy Angerer, Chair _____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk
House Health Policy Committee, (517) 373-5795